

**PDP COMMODITY**  
**SAMPLE FACT SHEET**  
(effective 01/03)

**PRODUCT:** Fresh Tomatoes (TO)

**SAMPLING PROCEDURES:** Fresh tomatoes will be sampled at the single rate. **Treat tomatoes as a delicate commodity.** Refer to SAMP-PROC 5 for collecting, packaging and shipping guidelines.

**TYPES of FRESH TOMATOES:** If the variety is easily identified, record the information on the SIF. If the variety is not available, leave the variety field blank. Sample collectors should not enter the brand or trade name (for example, Dole or Libby's) on the SIF.

**AVAILABILITY:** Year round.

**SAMPLE SIZE:** 5 pounds

**UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:** Cherry/grape, Plum/Roma, Clustered/On-the Vine

**RECOMMENDED TRANSPORT CONDITIONS:**

- ? Desired transit temperature: 62° to 68° F (16.7° to 20.16° C)
- ? Desired relative humidity: 85-88 percent
- ? Highly susceptible to chilling and freezing injury

**PACKAGING AND SHIPPING:**

- ? Wrap larger plastic bag with packing material to prevent ice paks from coming in direct contact with the samples.
- ? Do not freeze samples.

**ETHYLENE PRODUCER/SENSITIVE:** Yes

**SAMPLES SHIPPED TO:** OH1